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Docket No.: FIRE.0200

Serial No.: 09/920,179

Inventor: Bennett

Filing Date: August 1, 2001

TITLE: METHOD OF EXTINGUISHING
VEHICLE FIRES

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AMENDMENT

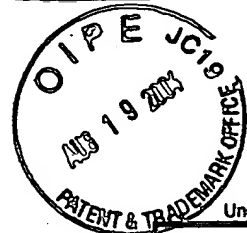
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| | First Named Inventor | Bennett, Joseph Michael |
| | Art Unit | 3752 |
| | Examiner Name | Nguyen, Dinh Q. |
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☒ Applicant Claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

| Large Entity | Small Entity | Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|--------------|--------------|----------|----------|------------------------|----------|
| 1001 | 2001 | 770 | 385 | Utility filing fee | |
| 1002 | 2002 | 340 | 170 | Design filing fee | |
| 1003 | 2003 | 530 | 265 | Plant filing fee | |
| 1004 | 2004 | 770 | 385 | Reissue filing fee | |
| 1005 | 2005 | 160 | 80 | Provisional filing fee | |

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$ 0.00)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

| Total Claims | Extra Claims | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
|---------------------------|--------------|----------------|----------|
| Independent Claims | -20**= | X | |
| Multiple Dependent Claims | -3**= | X | |

| Large Entity | Small Entity | Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Description |
|--------------|--------------|----------|----------|---|
| 1202 | 2202 | 18 | 9 | Claims in excess of 20 |
| 1201 | 2201 | 86 | 43 | Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 1203 | 2203 | 290 | 145 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid |
| 1204 | 2204 | 86 | 43 | **Reissue independent claims over original patent |
| 1205 | 2205 | 18 | 9 | **Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

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3. ADDITIONAL FEES

| Large Entity | Small Entity | Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|--------------|--------------|----------|----------|--|----------|
| 1051 | 2051 | 130 | 65 | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath | |
| 1052 | 2052 | 50 | 25 | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | |
| 1053 | 1053 | 130 | 130 | Non-English specification | |
| 1812 | 1812 | 2,520 | 2,520 | For filing a request for ex parte reexamination | |
| 1804 | 1804 | 920* | 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 1805 | 1805 | 1,840* | 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 1251 | 2251 | 110 | 55 | Extension for reply within first month | |
| 1252 | 2252 | 420 | 210 | Extension for reply within second month | 210.00 |
| 1253 | 2253 | 950 | 475 | Extension for reply within third month | |
| 1254 | 2254 | 1,480 | 740 | Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 1255 | 2255 | 2,010 | 1,005 | Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 1401 | 2401 | 330 | 165 | Notice of Appeal | |
| 1402 | 2402 | 330 | 165 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 1403 | 2403 | 290 | 145 | Request for oral hearing | |
| 1451 | 1451 | 1,510 | 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 1452 | 2452 | 110 | 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 1453 | 2453 | 1,330 | 665 | Petition to revive - unintentional | |
| 1501 | 2501 | 1,330 | 665 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) | |
| 1502 | 2502 | 480 | 240 | Design issue fee | |
| 1503 | 2503 | 640 | 320 | Plant issue fee | |
| 1460 | 1460 | 130 | 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | |
| 1807 | 1807 | 50 | 50 | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q) | |
| 1806 | 1806 | 180 | 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | |
| 8021 | 8021 | 40 | 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | |
| 1809 | 2809 | 770 | 385 | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a)) | |
| 1810 | 2810 | 770 | 385 | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b)) | |
| 1801 | 2801 | 770 | 385 | Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | |
| 1802 | 1802 | 900 | 900 | Request for expedited examination of a design application | |

Other fee (specify)

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